**Freshman English Syllabus**

Mr. Daniels

Classroom Policies

1. Behavior - It is expected that an atmosphere of mutual respect shall be maintained. Treat others with dignity. Rudeness will not be tolerated. If someone is given permission to speak, you will give him/her your undivided attention. This includes both teacher and student. You will also be expected to act responsibly. Bring your textbooks and appropriate material to class EVERY DAY and turn your assignments in on time.
2. Classroom Regulations – There are several regulations that will be adhered to in this classroom. They are as follows:
   1. No head attire or sunglasses will be worn in classroom (or around campus) unless otherwise directed.
   2. Cell phones will not be seen or heard. Failure to comply will be the loss of the cell phone for the day and will be given to the office.
   3. No electronic devices will be used in class such as iPods, mp3 players, CD players, etc. unless permission is given. Failure to follow this regulation will be the loss of the device for the day and/or year if continual problems occur. You have been warned!
   4. No food allowed. Since I have carpet, I’d like to keep it as clean as possible. I will allow water/Gatorade with some type of lid. This means that cans will NOT be allowed. I will throw cans away and have done so in the past.
   5. YOU MUST WEAR YOUR I.D.’s AROUND YOUR NECK AT ALL TIMES!!! Failure to do so will be a direct trip to your Division.
   6. Make-up tests must be done within one week of the regular test date. Remember: It is your responsibility to see me about making up the test. It is YOUR grade, not mine.
   7. Homework must be turned in on time; otherwise, there will be a loss of credit for each day turned in late. If absent and excused, you are given one class period to make that assignment up without penalty.
   8. Concerning LECTURE or DISCUSSION: During these times in class, I will ask that students remain seated until finished, unless it is an emergency. This includes being extremely sick or other such issues. However, sharpening your pencil or blowing your nose without asking is prohibited.
3. Attendance/Participation

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| **Class Participation Points** | | | | |
| **Attendance** | **Bring Appropriate Materials** | **Active Participation** | **I.D.** | **Total** |
| 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 |

This participation grade will be given on a daily basis for each student whether he/she is excused or unexcused. Those students that are excused will be able to make up these points through completion of the assignment (daily work and journal entries) given that day. Those students that are unexcused will not be able to make up these points nor will they be given a chance to make up the assignments given that day. If excused, said student will need to report to either teacher or website for material that was covered in class.

**Freshman English Grading:**

Participation – weighted at 10% of the total points

Daily Work – weighted at 30% of the total points

Quizzes – weighted at 10% of the total points

Papers/Projects – weighted at 20% of the total points

Tests and Final – weighted at 30% of the total points

**Course Description/Units for the Semester (subject to change):**

1. Introductory Material – Plot, Conflict, Narration, Characterization
2. Short Story Unit – “The Necklace,” “The Gift of the Magi,” “The Possibility of Evil,” etc.
3. Oral Tradition Unit – *The Odyssey* w/ Personal Narrative Paper
4. Poetry Unit
5. Novel Unit – *Fahrenheit 451* w/ Projects
6. Final

These items will be needed in Freshman English:

Every Day Items:

* Three ring binder and notebook paper – preferably college-rule paper
* Pens/Pencils – I am not Staples/OfficeMax/etc… Don’t ask me for pens or pencils.

When needed:

* *The Language of Literature* Textbook (Hardback book) – bring unless otherwise directed
* Novels/ other literature that is handed out

Note: Returning to a locker for a book, writing utensil, paper, or any classroom supply is considered a tardy issue and will be dealt with accordingly. If you do not bring the required supplies, I will ask you to get them or allow you to borrow another for the day, yet both will consist of a tardy.